Government. The work will be taken up for execution, only after the State Government deposits the estimated cost of the work.

Stoppage of Goa Express

890. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of great demand from railway commuters at Curchorem, Goa to have a five minutes stop for "Goa Express'; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to this effect to avoid further "rail roko" dharnas at this station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demand has been examined but not found justified having regard to the Superfast Express character of the service.

Water Supply

891. SHRl V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased tc state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi is starved of water supply for the last one month; and

(to) if so, what measures Government is taking for regularWater supply in and around Delhi?

THE MINISTER op STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM)-, (a) The water supply in Delhi is inadequate, keeping in view the requirement of the preesnt population at the prescribed norms, and the available supply of drinking water. Difficulties are experienced during the summer Season in a number of areas, especially those situated at the tail end of the distribution system, or at places situated at big»er elevation and in the J.J. clusters.

(b) As per statement attached. [See below)

Statement

(i) Construction of second 100 MGD Water Treatment Plant at Haiderpur has been started;

(ii) Construction work of 40 MGD Water Treatment Plant at Nangloi has been awarded;

(iii) Construction of 20 MGD Water Treatment Plant near Bhavana Escape has been proposed;

(iv) Discussions with Haryana Government are in progress for the supply of adequate raw water to above plants in exchange for treated effluent;

(v) Construction of 5 Ranney Wells in Alipur Block is in progress. In addition, 27 tube wells have been installed and 15 more tube wells will be energised shortly;

(vi) Steps have been taken to rationalise the distribution system. Ground reservoir and booster pumping stations have been commissioned in 7 colonies and are likely to be commissioru-d shortly in 2 more colonies. This work is in progress in 4 colonies and is also being planned for 5 more colonies as soon as the land become available.

(vii) Steps have also been taken for detection of leakage of water and to minimise the leakage. 23 shallow tube wells have been installed for horticulture purposes to have filtered water. 101 open wells in City and Sadar Paharganj (S. P. Zone) are also provided with submersible pumping sets to supply water for horticulture purposes; and

(viii) Water supply arrangements in resettlement colonies, J. J. clusters and regularised unauthorised colonies are being continuously improved through tube wells, handpumpshyadrants , and water supply connections according to prescribed norms.